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LAST VOWS

On February 2 the following pronounced their last vows: Alma, Father Robidoux; Los Angeles, Fathers Malone and Rudolph; Los Gatos, Fathers Charles Walsh and McKey, and Brother Gough; San Francisco, Fathers Thomas Cosgrave and Feely; Shanghai, Father Stanislaus Fitzgerald. Father Albert Casey is due to take his vows on August 15.

ALMA

Each theologian at Alma now has an individual set of St. Thomas' Summa. The books recently arrived from Rome where Mr. Giambastiani had contracted for them.

Novices, Juniors and novitiate workmen have been clearing brush on the hillside of Tevis' property called "Tibi Dabo" in preparation for a new grape field.

During the month of January slight earthquakes, thunder, lightning, hail, frost and snow have given variety to the heavy rains. The Alma rainfall now measures more than 25 inches.

Brother Onesime Gosselin has been moved to the Novitiate.

The sister of Mr. Samuel Coogan died in January. A solemn requiem Mass was sung at the Theologate, Jan. 3, for the repose of her soul.

Father Edward Sullivan, S. J., professor of Canon Law arrived from Weston College January 6.

Following a short sojourn at O'Connor's Sanitarium, Fr. Wm. Donnelly has been convalescing at Alma. During this convalescence Fr. Sullivan has been substituting in the Moral classes. Fr. James Donovan, Professor of De Ecclesia, has been prevented by illness from teaching for the first three weeks of January. As a con-

sequence, Fr. Eugene Gousie has conducted classes in De Revelatione twice a day. Mr. Samuel Coogan, following the death of his sister, was sent to Santa Clara for a short rest.

The second semester introduced several new courses: Fr. Donovan is teaching Asceticism; Fr. Conlon, Pastoral Medicine; Fr. Sullivan, Canon Law; Fr. McCellan, following Fr. Peirce's course in Exodus, is teaching Genesis in the Scripture classes. Fr. Gousie's new seminar on The History of Religion is emphasizing research on California primitives.

BROPHY

During the Christmas holidays Father Madigan gave a triduum to the Mercy Sisters in Phoenix, and Father Buschor did the same in Prescott. Father Flynn preached at Christ The King Church in L. A. and then attended the meeting of Prefects of Studies in S. F.

Father Burns is heading the drive for "The Catholic Social Service of Arizona". He wrote an excellent pamphlet to stimulate interest.

Father O'Keeffe is heading a drive for subscriptions for the diocesan weekly. If his group gets the most subscriptions, Brophy College will receive a check for a thousand dollars.

Father Charles Leahy visited Phoenix and addressed the students, a radio audience, and the American Legion on Communism. He also gave a retreat to the nurses of St. Joseph's hospital.

In honor of Father Rector, a Rector's Day has been arranged for the first time at Brophy. A Field Day and Entertainment will be staged on February 1st. "The Brophyite" is dedicated to him.

The Fifth Annual Elocution Con-

test has been dedicated to Father Fox who started the contests five years ago and made them grand successes. Three dress rehearsals have already been staged at the Transient Camp, at St. Mary's School, and at the Indian School. New pieces are being given this year. No repeats.

At the January Assembly Father Madigan gave a most instructive lecture on "Preparing for College".

Father Madigan has scheduled debates for next month with Phoenix, Tucson and Mesa High Schools on the question of Munition Manufactures.

At the dinner of the Parent-Teachers Association of St. Mary's School the main addresses were given by the Superintendent of Arizona Public Schools and by the President of Arizona State College. After they had groped about for a solution of the youth problem and had stressed the three R's in Education, Father Flynn was introduced as one of the guests of the evening (he had been forgotten in the list of announcements). The chairman announced him as a Prefect of Studies and Discipline. Father took the occasion to state: "Don't forget, Mr. Chairman, that I am also a teacher of the fourth R, Religion, which is the most important subject in the curriculum." He was given a long ovation, for he had added in about ten words the answer to the youth problem.

LOS ALTOS

On January 11 Father McFadden returned from the National Retreat Conference held in Washington, Dec. 27-30. In the East and Middle West there is an ecclesiastical element advocating the placement of Retreats for the Laity under direct diocesan control. This element made themselves distinctly heard during the Conference.

The priest retreatants of last November organized themselves into a Priest's Eucharistic League. They set the second Tuesday of each month for a monthly recollection day at El Retiro. They had their first day on January 8 under the guidance of Father Provincial. They promised to spread the work among other priests of the Archdiocese.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Father Rector attended the annual convention of the American Association of Colleges held at Atlanta, Georgia, January 16th and 17th. While

there, he also attended the regional meeting of the National Catholic Education Association, holding the position of Chairman for the Pacific Coast division.

Father Joseph Donovan, Regent of the Loyola College of Law, attended the meeting of the American Bar Association held in Chicago during January.

Father Joseph Vaughan wrote "An Open Letter to Mr. Hearst" concerning the situation in Mexico. The recent drive of the Hearst papers against Communism afforded an opportunity for pointing out that the Mexican government is being carried on along bolshevistic lines.

Representative John Costello, Loyola alumnus, has been appointed to the Military Affairs Committee, being the first Californian in a number of years to hold such a position. Representatives John Dockweiler and John Steven McGroarty, also members of the alumni, were likewise given important positions on Senate committees.

Father Regan has been in Queen of Angels Hospital for some weeks, undergoing treatment for diabetes.

Father Rudolph, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, has announced that a new standard of grading will be adopted during the second semester. Grades will be determined as follows: A, 93-100; B, 85-92; C, 77-84; D, 70-76; E, 60-69; Below 60, Failure.

Father Acquistapace gave a triduum to the Presentation Sisters at Our Lady of Lourdes, Los Angeles, December 29, 30, 31.

Work about the grounds is continuing steadily. The bank overlooking Jefferson Boulevard is being covered with ice-plant. Several hundred oleanders have been planted near the gymnasium. Thirty trees have been planted near the entrance to the property, and about one hundred and fifty oak trees are being set out near the race track.

Mr. C. P. Gaynor, Head of the Loyola English Department, gave an address to the Newman Club, Tuesday evening January 10. His subject was "The Catholic Note in American Literature". Father Duce and Mr. Ryan were present and took part in the discussion following the address. The Newman Club mentioned is a unique organization, being the only one of its kind in the United States. It has no connection with the University Newman Clubs, but is intended to

gather together the intellectual elite of Los Angeles Catholics. It is thirty-nine years old.

Members of the House of Philhellenists took part in the Pasadena College Invitational Tournament. They won decisions from Redlands, University of Southern California, Pomona, Whittier, Glendale J. C., and Bakersfield J. C.

LOYOLA HIGH

Plans are under way for a mammoth vaudeville show to be held at Cathay Circle Theatre on March 2, for the benefit of Loyola High. Many popular and famous artists have already offered to lend their services for the affair. Several influential men, who some years ago have helped Father Sullivan, came to Loyola on January 23 to discuss plans. Foremost among them was Joseph Scott, chairman of the committee.

At the Victoria Theatre, Pico Heights' famous show, a special Loyola matinee was held Friday afternoon, January 25, for the benefit of the High School. As classes were dismissed earlier than usual a large percentage of the student body was present. The manager, a friend of Father Fox, donated the use of the theatre and of all the pictures to the school.

During the latter part of January many at Loyola, teachers as well as students, were laid up with the flu. Brother Danahy is now in Queen of Angels Hospital suffering from a paralysis of the leg. It was feared for a time that Brother was going to have another stroke.

LOS GATOS

Father C. Walsh made his retreat at Santa Clara in January.

Mr. Joseph B. Deutsch of Wisconsin entered the novitiate as a coadjutor postulant on December 31.

An illustrated lecture on Renaissance Architecture was given to the history class by two of the Juniors.

The dactylogical or sign language circle, with eight members, meets on Thursday evening during recreation. The fundamentals of the language and the prayers of the catechism are being mastered. It is a preparation for advanced work at the Mount, with the idea of a possible apostleship among the catholic deaf.

SAN FRANCISCO

On the Sunday evenings of January Father Cody gave a series of sermons in our church on the Christian Family.

The yearly Christmas-tree dinner and entertainment for the community was held on December 27.

Father Lloyd Burns teaches Latin in the high school.

Father Cody has arranged a series of faculty lectures for the spring semester. They are given in the University Auditorium on each Tuesday evening and the general public is invited. Father Al. Whelan began with Jesuit Education.

Another series of talks on "The Case Against Communism" is being given in the auditorium each Thursday evening by Father Feely. The first audience on January 17, a rainy night, numbered some 400 persons.

On Monday evenings in the auditorium, Fathers P. Dunne and Feely conduct their class in Religious Inquiry. This course, intended for non-catholics, is well attended.

A new book of poems, "The Pedlar of Beauty" by Father Cody, will soon be off the press.

On January 10, Father Feely spoke on "The Case Against Communism" over the Examiner Station KYA. This was in response to an invitation of the Examiner which is conducting a drive against Communism.

By request of the Archbishop a special series of sermons on the Catholic Education of Children and the Duty of Parents to Attend to it, is being preached in the various parishes by the Jesuit Fathers. Several parishes are covered each Sunday.

Father Provincial addressed the juniors and seniors at St. Ignatius High during the religious instruction class.

ST. JOSEPH'S

The Novena during the Octave of Prayer for Church Unity was inaugurated and preached by Father Laherty.

The address at the Nurses' Graduation at O'Connor Sanitarium, January 7, was given by Father Provincial. In spite of the heavy downpour, the chapel was packed.

The Society was represented by Father Provincial at Watsonville on January 20, when the Salesians had a Pontifical High Mass in honor of St. John Bosco.

BELLARMINE, SAN JOSE

Fr. Gerald Leahy returned from Santa Barbara on January 26, where he had been taking treatments for two weeks after the recurrence of the sinus trouble which had sent him to the hospital last month. Fr. Duffy was meanwhile looking after the duties of the vice-principal's office.

By the 26th of January no trace was yet discovered of Frank Butero, one of our students, who left here without going home on the 16th after a session in Fr. McCann's office regarding class matters. Many wild rumors injected into the situation by excited friends of the Butero family created trying circumstances for the family and the school, which were greatly allayed by a meeting which Fr. McCann summoned to talk over the events with the family, a spokesman of its friends, deputy sheriffs and Fr. Duffy.

PAGANS AT GONZAGA

A casual observer at Gonzaga College might be struck with the friendly spirit among the pagan students, and yet never remark their lively interest in things religious. They respect the belief of their Catholic companions, but to all intents their studies and games completely absorb their attention. A few weeks spent in their midst reveal that religious questions occupy no small part of their thoughts. The more mature boys realize that something is missing from their philosophy of life, and pagan though they be, they feel that this something is our religion.

According to government regulations religion may not be taught to the pagans, indeed, even if it were allowed, it would be a rather delicate task, but there is no regulation against singling out the most promising boys, winning their friendship, and broaching the subject of Catholicity to them. Here indeed is a fruitful apostolate!

As spiritual father of the students, Father Gatz has done wonderful work among them, particularly among the pagans. He has the faculty of breaking through their natural reticence and winning their confidence. This step taken, it is but a short time before he has them taking instruction. Their parent's consent is asked, and for the most part is easily obtained. Their pagan parents look upon religious lectures as something that can-

not do any harm and in any event will have no lasting effect. It is only when their boys come to them for permission to receive baptism that they realize how much these instructions have meant to them.

At present Father Gatz has two groups of about ten boys taking instruction. Three times a week during the recreation period he gathers them together in one of the dormitories for a short informal chat. The work is slow, for many new thoughts must be explained. But the boys are the finest in the school and the results amply repay the labor entailed. They have responded wholeheartedly and the desire of baptism has already been enkindled in many hearts. If Father Gatz has been so successful in this work, he owes it in great part to his personal initiative. He has been a Good Shepherd among the students, not waiting for them to come to him, but going out seeking them. Then response proves how much could be done among Chinese boys if we only had more good shepherds to help us lead them to the true fold.

PAUL O'BRIEN, S. J.

DECEMBER TRIDUUMS

Holy Child, Pasadena, Fr. E. Whelan.
Mercy, Oxnard, Fr. Belanger.
Phoenix, Fr. Madigan.

Prescott, Fr. Buschor.
S. F., St. Peter's, Fr. P. Dunne.
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Notre Dame, Alameda, Fr. Feely.
Presentation

L. A., Fr. Acquistapace.
S. F., Mother House, Fr. Gleeson.
S. F., St. Agnes, Fr. Ring.

Ursulines, S. F., Fr. Menager.
Nurses, Phoenix, Fr. C. Leahy.

Students

Anaheim, Dominicans, Fr. C. Leahy.
Flintbridge, Dominicans, Fr. E. Whelan.

L. A., St. Mary's Academy, Fr. C. Leahy.

DEATHS IN THE ASSISTANCY

Fr. Joseph Arthuis, Dec. 21, Albuquerque.

Fr. Patrick J. McHugh, Jan. 8, Boston College.

Br. John F. McGree, Jan. 15, Trenton.

Fr. Thomas Grant, Jan. 20, Billings, Mont.

Br. Michael Habermann, Jan. 21, Georgetown.

DEATHS OF RELATIVES

The sister of Mr. Samuel Coogan, Theologian.